

May the Lord make us all truly stewards that the College, the Publishing House and Brothers Talley and Lyon may not have to "abase." Not long since a missionary in this city had to "abase" to the base extent of helping act as horse in the moving of his household goods—they being loaded on a one horse wagon and pulled by hand. The man, the church and the Master suffered in this case all because of not having the wherewith to "abound."

Brethren, please don't forget your cast-off clothing, etc., for missionary children, and also any good religious books or papers. Don't waste the fragments, brethren, gather them up and send them to the needy here. While at the Indiana conference, a dear brother, greatly beloved, whispered to us something about a box. Whenever it comes it will be a *thanksgiving* box whether it should come about Thanksgiving or not.

That was a great conference, great in love, great in faith, great in hope, great in fellowship, great financially, great literally, great hospitably and great in a great many other ways. Our abode was with our dear Brother and Sister Hartley, than whom there is none better. Brother Hartley measured off enough goods to dress the family, and Brother and Sister Peckenbaugh loaded us with things for the larder. Thanks, brethren, may it all come back to you a thousand fold in God's own way.

I have ever loved the Indiana brethren, but since this last conference I must confess publicly that I am glad that there are only geographical lines between the two states, and that even they do not appear in our love one for the other. I am sure that Dayton and Oakville are nearer together than ever, and I think the same true of every other congregation. Brethren, may the Lord keep you the banner district. Three sisters and two brothers gave us money to the aggregate of two dollars and fifteen cents, which has been credited to expense account. Thank you, brethren, "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Two items are crowded out of our "notes" this week that should have appeared ere this deed of heroism, and Sister Bond's obituary. Owing to moving, and a press of other work we have not found the time to do this as we think it should be done.

Brethren, please don't forget to remember us every day in prayer.

Church News

Tenth Annual Conference of Michigan, for the year, 1899, held at the Bethel church, Sept. 27 and 28.

Devotional exercises, J. G. Winey; address of welcome, Walter Clark.

Appointment of committees on Committees by the chair, J. D. Solomon, J. G. Winey, J. H. English.

Report of committee on Committees. Committee on Credentials, W. O. Bowers, Phebe Darby, F. T. Wolfe; on Resolutions, J. G. Winey, J. H. English, Samuel Rice;

on Program, C. L. Henney, J. D. Solomon, C. M. Reynolds; Executive committee, Walter Clark, J. P. Rench, John Shank.

Every Christian Worker and His Reward, J. H. English, Sister Bachelor, J. G. Winey. Christ's Mission on Earth, J. G. English and others. Man's Mission on Earth, J. G. Winey and others. The Spiritual Condition of the Church and How to Promote It, Albert Clark and others. Feed the babes in Christ with the sincere milk of the word. To visit and be more social among its members and talk the Scriptures and expound the Scriptures. Report of evangelist made and accepted. Report of State Statistician made and accepted.

Collection taken for Ministerial Association, \$2.55.

SEPTEMBER 28

Devotional exercises.

Decided to have a State Evangelist.

By motion Article one of last conference was recinded.

By ballot Walter Clark was declared elected State Evangelist.

Report of Mission board read and accepted.

Report of treasurer of Mission board read and accepted.

By ballot George Clum was elected moderator; J. G. Winey, vice moderator; Walter Clark, clerk; Samuel Rice, treasurer; W. O. Bowers, statistician.

Mission board elected for following year. Chairman elected for three years, J. H. English. Secretary elected for two years, C. L. Henney. Treasurer elected for one year, J. D. Solomon.

Sunday school work talked upon by W. O. Bowers and Albert Clark.

Report of committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

We, your committee, are pleased to report the following resolutions:

Inasmuch as we, this conference, have been laboring under the blessings and smiles of our heavenly Benefactor, we feel it, therefore, our imperative duty to give him thanks and all the honor.

Resolved—that communion services are intended for the promotion of our spiritual life. We, therefore, recommend that whenever practicable that communion services be held in connection with our State conferences.

Resolved—that all spirituous liquors used as a beverage is a sin and an injury to mankind, both to body and mind. We, therefore, cast our influence against the saloons and all vice deriving from the saloon and pray God to help all Christians to do the

Resolved—that the excessive use of tobacco is sin and a filthy habit. It is the sense of this conference that more moderation and temperance should be used.

Resolved—that this conference approves of mission work and that we use more energy in raising funds for that purpose.

Resolved—That this conference feels grateful to the Bethel church for the entertainment of the same, and for the hospitality

of all strangers, and to the officers for their efficient labors, and to our worthy organist for the faithful service at the instrument, and for the assistance rendered by other Christians.

J. G. WINEY,
J. H. ENGLISH,
SAMUEL ENGLISH.

Report of treasurer of conference made and accepted.

Report of secretary made and accepted.

S. S. C. E. SESSION, SEPTEMBER 28

Devotional exercises conducted by sister Mira Rice.

Report made by the president was accepted.

Report was given by State secretary, and accepted by the conference.

Motion made and supported that all sisters present shall have a right to vote.

The topic, "The needs of our society," was talked upon, it being decided that our society needs more of the spirit of Christ and more willing workers.

Also the topic, "The best method of keeping up our society."

Answer, by making our meetings as interesting as we can, and by letting the love of Christ dwell in our hearts.

Motion prevailed that we elect officers by acclamation. President, Mrs. Phebe Darby; secretary, Mrs. Mira Rice; treasurer, Miss Vernie Rice.

Committee elected on program, Mary English, Alice Haney, Mira Rice.

A vote of thanks was extended to our president for her faithful work during the past year. Motion to adjourn.

Dear brethren and sisters, this has been one of the best conferences ever held by the Brethren church in Michigan. We thus judge from a number of standpoints.

First, as to order and systematic church work.

Second, as to finances for mission work. We are assuming or feeling our responsibility more than ever. Hope we may continue to grow in the right direction.

Thirdly, so many came from the different churches and brought the Savior with them that one was impressed with the feeling of love which they brought along with them akin to heaven. Indeed we were made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ. Indeed it was sad to part with the dear Father's children, but we look forward toward that happy reunion when we shall never say good-bye again. Come again, dear brothers and sisters.

WALTER CLARK, Sec.

Goes to the Census Office

Mr. Joseph E. Parsons this morning returned from Washington, D. C., where he had been called on Monday. While there Mr. Parsons was advised of his appointment to a position in the Census Bureau which will necessitate his removal to the National Capital some time before January 1st next. While in Washington several weeks ago Mr. Parsons successfully and creditably passed the examination for this position.

The appointment, which was secured through the efforts of Congressman Joseph E. Thropp,